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1. A Cabinet crisis is imminent. The latest meeting of the Masjumi Executive Council resulted in a majority decision to support the no-confidence motion against the Defense Minister if he does not accede to the demand to discharge Simatupang, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, which the Masjumi proposes to make. The vote on the no-confidence motion is coming up within one week. This decision is contrary to Natsir's advice. The no-confidence motion was instigated by the Sukiman faction of the Masjumi and eventually was supported by Sjafruddin Prawiranegara and Prawoto Mangkusasmito.

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Masjumi but the Socialist Party (PSI) definitely will not.

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